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TO: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

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Third of Reds" (Washington Post and Times Herald,
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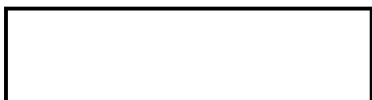
1. The public statement attributed to General Earle E. Partridge that the Communist warplanes in the Far East outnumber US combat planes in the area 3 to 1 is essentially correct.

2. The figure of 7500 Communist warplanes in the Far East falls roughly mid-way between estimates of actual strength and authorized T/E strengths of Communist units in the area as is indicated by the following table:

Estimated Communist Air Force Strength (all types) in the
Far East

	<u>Actual Strength</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>
Soviet (FE)	4050	5030
Soviet (Manchuria)	350	350
Soviet (Port Arthur)	500	570
Chinese Communist	1560	2140
North Korean	290	380
Total	6750	8470

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